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MISSOULA--

The University of Montana Foundation Board of Trustees has approved two new fund-raising initiatives for 1978-79.

The action taken during the Board's annual meeting at Yellowstone National Park authorized the Foundation staff to organize and conduct an Excellence Campaign and design an estate planning program.

According to the newly elected Executive Director of the Foundation Allan M. Vannini, the Board's action signifies "A recognition that the University of Montana must develop private sources of support if it is to maintain its traditional position of excellence in the higher education community."

The excellence campaign will be designed to promote faculty development, fund small research projects and help provide for the equipment needs of the University. The anticipated goal of the project will be approximately \$125,000. A fall kickoff is planned.

The estate planning program will focus on how interested donors might support the University of Montana through life time and testamentary gifts. Workshops open to the general public will be scheduled throughout the state. Potential donors will have the opportunity to hear estate planning experts explain the income and estate tax consequences of such charitable gifts.

In other Board action the Trustees approved the appointment of three new members to the Board of Trustees, elected officers for 1979-80, approved the publication of the Mansfield Lecture Series and heard reports on the state of the University and the Six Mill Levy by UM President Richard Bowers.

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Elected to the Board were Attorney, John M. Dietrich of Billings, Nancy Fields O'Connor of Los Angeles, Calif., and Thomas J. Collins of Missoula. Collins, the Foundation's retiring director, was also honored at a special farewell banquet Friday evening.

The newly elected Foundation officers for 1979-80 will be President Dorothy R. Powers, of Spokane, Wash., Vice President, William B. Andrews of Helena, and Secretary John Holt Myers of Washington, D.C. Patricia Douglas of Missoula was elected Treasurer.

The publication of the Mansfield Lecture Series will mark the first time that the University has published the texts of the eleven distinguished speakers who have participated in the program named after former U.S. Senator and current Ambassador to Japan, Mike Mansfield.

Finally, the Board heard reports from UM President Bowers who felt the University was again stabilizing after a very tough year. Bowers cited predictions of increased enrollment, the success of the Law School Building campaign and the national recognition attained by the School of Fine Arts' dramatic performance at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., as three of the many positive actions that have taken place during the year.

Concerning the Six Mill Levy, Bowers stated that he thought the people of Montana appreciated the momentous effort the Montana University System had gone through to reduce spending. He believed that Montanans were proud of their educational system and would vote to support funding that would maintain that system. According to Bowers taxpayers' revolts symbolized by California's Proposition 13 are not mindless or irrational. These revolts represent a firm desire by taxpayers to control and reduce spending.

The University of Montana Foundation was created in 1951 to help promote the University and develop private sources of support. The board, composed of thirty-three members, is made up of both alumni and friends of higher education drawn from various government, corporate and philanthropic organizations throughout the country.